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The Order

FOR THE

Consecration

OF THE

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Broad Street Below South

PHILADELPHIA

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Blessed city, heavenly Salem,
Vision dear of peace and love,
Who of living stones art builded
In the height of heaven above,
And, with angel hosts encircled,
As a bride dost earthward move;

2. From celestial realms descending,
Bridal glory round thee shed,
Meet for Him whose love espoused thee
To thy Lord shalt thou be led;
All thy streets and all thy bulwarks
Of pure gold are fashioned.

3. Bright thy gates of pearl are shining,
They are open evermore;
And by virtue of His merits
Thither faithful souls do soar,
Who for Christ's dear Name, in this world
Pain and tribulation bore.

4. Many a blow and biting sculpture
Polished well those stones elect,
In their places now compacted
By the heavenly Architect,
Who therewith hath willed forever
That His palace should be decked.

1. CHRIST is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and corner-stone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Sion's help forever,
And her confidence alone.

2. All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally,

3. To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, to-day;
With thy wonted loving-kindness,
Hear thy servants as they pray:
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls alway.

4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
What they ask of thee to gain,
What they gain from thee for ever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory
Ever more with thee to reign.

5. Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While eternal ages run. Amen.

The Bishop is to be received at the entrance of the Church by the Church-wardens and Vestrymen. The Bishop and the Clergy who are present shall then go up the aisle of the church, repeating the Twenty-fourth Psalm alternately, the Bishop one verse and the Clergy another.

PSALM 24.—*Domini est terra.*

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is; the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

2. For he had founded it upon the seas, and prepared it upon the floods.

3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall rise up in his holy place.

4. Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

5. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6. This is the generation of them that seek him; even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

8. Who is this King of glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

10. Who is this King of glory? Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Bishop, sitting in his chair, the request for Consecration will be read by Mr. Francis S. Keese, the Senior Warden, and then standing up, and turning to the Congregation, the Bishop will say,

DEARLY beloved in the Lord: forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the express command of God, or by the secret inspiration of the blessed Spirit, and acting agreeably to their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, have erected houses for the public worship of God, and separated them from all unhallowed, worldly and common uses, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for his glorious Majesty, and affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in his service; which pious works have been approved of and graciously accepted by our heavenly Father: Let us not doubt but that he will also favourably approve our godly purpose of setting apart this place in solemn manner, for the performance of the several offices of religious worship, and let us faithfully and devoutly beg his blessing on this our undertaking.

Then the Bishop, kneeling, shall say the following Prayer,

O ETERNAL God, mighty in power, and of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands; and who yet has been graciously pleased to promise thy especial presence wherever two or three of thy faithful servants shall assemble in thy Name, to offer up their praises and supplications unto thee; Vouchsafe, O Lord to be present with us, who are here gathered together with all humility and readiness of heart, to consecrate this place to the honour of thy great Name; separating it henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary and common uses; and dedicating it to thy service, for reading thy holy Word, for celebrating thy holy Sacraments, for offering to thy glorious Majesty the sacrifices of prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing thy people in thy Name, and for the performance of all other holy offices: accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may tend most to thy glory, and the furtherance of our happiness both temporal and spiritual; through Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

After this the Bishop shall stand up, and turning his face towards the Congregation, shall say,

REGARD, O Lord, the supplications of thy servants, and grant that whosoever shall be dedicated to thee in this house by Baptism, may be sanctified by the Holy Ghost, delivered from thy wrath and eternal death, and received as a living member of Christ's Church, and may ever remain in the number of thy faithful children. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that they who at this place shall in their own persons renew the promises and vows of their Baptism, and be Confirmed by the Bishop, may receive such a measure of thy Holy Spirit, that they may be enabled faithfully to fulfil the same, and grow in grace unto their lives' end. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ may come to that holy ordinance with faith, charity, and true repentance; and being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may, to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of his passion. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that by thy holy Word which shall be read and preached in this place, and by thy Holy Spirit grafting it inwardly in the heart, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and may have power and strength to fulfil the same. *Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be joined together in this place in the holy estate of Matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant between them made, and may remain in perfect love together unto their lives' end. *Amen.*

Grant, we beseech thee, blessed Lord, that whosoever shall draw near to thee in this place, to give thee thanks for the benefits which they have received at thy hands, to set forth thy most worthy praise, to confess their sins unto thee, and to ask such things as are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul, may do it with such steadiness of faith, and with such seriousness, affection and devotion of mind, that thou mayest accept their bounden duty and service, and vouchsafe to give whatever in thy infinite wisdom thou shalt see to be most expedient for them: All which we beg for Jesus Christ's sake, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Then, the Bishop sitting in his chair, the Sentence of Consecration is to be read by some person appointed by him, and laid by the Bishop upon the Holy Table; after which the Bishop shall say,

BLESSED be thy name, O Lord, that it hath pleased thee to put it into the hearts of thy servants to appropriate and devote this house to thy honour and worship; and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work, may show forth their thankfulness, by making a right use of it, to the glory of thy blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Morning Prayer will then be said.

PROPER PSALMS.

Psalm 84.—*Quam dilecta!*

O HOW *am*iable | are thy | dwellings: *thou* | Lord ·= | of ·= | hosts !

2. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the *courts* | of the | Lord: my heart and my flesh re*joice* | in the | living | God.

3. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where *she* may | lay her | young: even thy altars O Lord of *hosts,* my | King := | and my | God.

4. Blessed are they that *dwell* | in thy | house: *they* will be | alway | praising | thee.

5. Blessed is the man whose *strength* | is in | thee: *in* whose | heart ·= | are thy | ways.

6. Who going through the vale of misery *use* it | for a | well: *and* the | pools are | filled · with | water.

7. They will *go* from | strength to | strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth *ev*ery | one of | them in | Sion.

8. O Lord God of *hosts* | hear my | prayer: *hearken* | O ·= | God of | Jacob.

9. Behold O *God* | our de | fender: and look up*on* the | face of | thine A | nointed.

10. For one *day* | in thy | courts: *is* | better | than a | thousand.

11. I had rather be a door-keeper in the *house* | of my | God: than to dwell in the *tents* | of un | godli | ness.

12. For the Lord God is a *light* | and de | fence: the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from *them* that | live a | godly | life.

13. O *Lord* | God of | hosts: blessed is the *man* that | putteth his | trust in | thee.

Glory be to the *Fa*ther, | and · to the Son : *and* | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is *now,* and | ever | shall be: *world* without | end ·= | A ·= | men.

PSALM 122.—*Laetatus sum.*

I WAS glad when they *said* | unto | me: We will *go* into the | house ·= | of the | Lord.

2. Our feet shall *stand* | in thy | gates: *O* | = · Je | rusa | lem.

3. Jerusalem is *built* | as a | city: that *is* at | unity | in it | self.

4. For thither the tribes go up, even the *tribes* | of the | Lord: to testify unto Israel, to give *thanks* unto the | Name ·= | of the | Lord.

5. For *there* is the | seat of | judgment: even the *seat* | of the | house of | David.

6. O pray for the *peace* of Je | rusa | lem: *they* shall | prosper ·that | love ·= | thee.

7. *Peace* be with | in thy | walls: and *plen* | teousness with | in thy | pala | ces.

8. For my brethren *and* com | panions' | sakes: I will *wish* | thee pros | peri | ty.

9. Yea because of the *house* of the | Lord our | God: *I* will | seek to | do thee | good.

PSALM 132.—*Memento Domine.*

LORD re | member | David: *and* | all ·= | his ·= | trouble;

2. How he *sware* | unto ·the | Lord: and vowed a vow *un*to the Al | mighty | God of | Jacob;

3. I will not come within the *tab*ernacle | of mine | house: *nor* | climb up | into · my | bed;

4. I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, *nor* mine | eye-lids ·to | slumber: neither the temples of my *head* to | take ·= | any | rest;

5. Until I find out a place for the *tem*ple | of the | Lord: an habitation *for* the | mighty | God of | Jacob.

6. Lo we heard of the *same* at | Ephra | ta: *and* | found it | in the | wood.

7. We will *go* into his | taber | nacle: and fall *low* on our | knees be | fore his | footstool.

8. Arise O Lord *in*to thy | resting | place: *thou* and the | ark ·= | of thy | strength.

9. Let thy priests be *clo*thed with | righteous | ness: and let thy *saints* | sing with | joyful | ness.

10. For thy *ser*vant | David's | sake: turn not *away* the | presence ·of | thine A | nointed.

11. The Lord hath made a faithful *oath* | unto | David: *and* he | shall not | shrink from | it.

12. Of the *fruit* | of thy | body; *shall* I | set up | on thy | seat.

13. If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that *I* shall | learn ·= ! them: their children also shall sit up*on* thy | seat for | ever | more.

14. For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be a habi*ta*tion | for him | self: *he* hath | longed | for ·= | her.

15. This shall *be* my | rest for ever: here will I dwell, *for* I | have a ·de | light there | in.

16. I will *bless* her | victuals ·with | increase: and will *sat*is | fy her | poor with | bread.

17. I will *deck* her | priests with | health: and her *saints* | shall re | joice and | sing.

18. There shall I make the *horn* of | David ·to | flourish: I have or*dain*ed a | lantern · for | mine A | nointed.

19. As for his enemies, I shall *clothe* | them with | shame: but upon him*self* | shall his | crown ·= | flourish.

First Lesson (Gen. xxviii, beginning with verse 10.)

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS .....WALTER ST. CLAIR KNODLE.

Second Lesson (Heb. x, verse 19 to verse 26.)

INTROIT . . . . . HENRY SMART

PSALM 100.—*Jubilate Deo.*

O BE ye joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

2. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

3. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

4. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

HOLY COMMUNION.

S. CECELIA MASS .....GOUNOD.

THE COLLECT.

O MOST glorious Lord, we acknowledge that we are not worthy to offer unto thee anything belonging unto us; yet we beseech thee, in thy great goodness, graciously to accept the Dedication of this place to thy service, and to prosper this our undertaking; receive the prayers and intercessions of all those thy servants who shall call upon thee in this house; and give them grace to prepare their hearts to serve thee with reverence and godly fear; affect them with an awful apprehension of thy Divine Majesty, and a deep sense of their own unworthiness; that so approaching thy sanctuary with lowliness, and devotion, and coming before thee with clean thoughts and pure hearts, with bodies undefiled, and minds sanctified, they may always perform a service acceptable to thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE. II Cor. vi., 14.

BE ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers : for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

THE GOSPEL. St. John ii., 13.

AND the Jews' Passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: and when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; and said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

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The Rev. Wm. Bernard Gilpin.

Former Curates.

PREACHER, The Rector.

There will be no break in the service, those present being expected to remain to the end.

Hymn during the Ablutions—576.

JESUS, gentlest Saviour,
God of might and power,
Thou Thyself art dwelling
With us at this hour.

2. Nature cannot hold Thee,
Heaven is all too strait
For Thine endless glory,
And Thy royal state.

3. Out beyond the shining
Of the farthest star,
Thou art ever stretching
Infinitely far.

4. Yet the hearts of children
Hold what worlds cannot,
And the God of wonders
Loves the lowly spot.

5. Jesus, gentlest Saviour,
Thou art with us now;
Fill us with Thy goodness
Till our hearts o'erflow.

6. Multiply our graces;
Give us love and fear,
And, dear Lord, the chiefest,
Grace to persevere!

7. Oh, how can we thank Thee
For a gift like this,
Gift that truly maketh
Heaven's eternal bliss?

RECESSIONAL HYMN 404.

I HEARD a sound of voices
Around the great white throne,
With harpers harping on their harps
To him that sat thereon:
"Salvation, glory, honor!"
I heard the song arise,
As through the courts of heaven it rolled
In wondrous harmonies.

2. From every clime and kindred,
And nations from afar,
As serried ranks returning home
In triumph from a war,
I heard the saints upraising,
The myriad hosts among,
In praise of him who died and lives,
Their one glad triumph-song.

3. I saw the holy city,
The New Jerusalem,
Come down from heaven, a bride adorned
With jeweled diadem;
The flood of crystal waters
Flowed down the golden street;
And nations brought their honors there,
And laid them at her feet.

4. And there no sun was needed,
Nor moon to shine by night,
God's glory did enlighten all,
The Lamb himself, the light;
And there his servants serve him,
And, life's long battle o'er,
Enthroned with him, their Saviour, King,
They reign for evermore.

5. O great and glorious vision!
The Lamb upon his throne;
O wondrous sight for man to see!
The Saviour with his own:
To drink the living waters
And stand upon the shore,
Where neither sorrow, sin, nor death
Shall never enter more.

6. O Lamb of God who reignest!
Thou Bright and Morning Star,
Whose glory lightens that new earth
Which now we see from far!
O worthy Judge eternal!
When thou dost bid us come,
Then open wide the gates of pearl,
And call thy servants home.